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SUBJ: GOK ISSUES STATEMENT ON AMIN'S TERRITORIAL CLAIM
AGAINST KENYA

REF NAIROBI 1535

GOK ON FEB. 17 ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO
UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN'S FEB. 15 CLAIM TO A LARGE AREA
OF WESTERN KENYA(REFTEL):

"THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA VIEWS WITH GREAT CONCERN THE
RADIO AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS ON THE PRONOUNCEMENTS AT-
TRIBUTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, PUR-
PORTING TO CLAIM SOME PARTS OF KENYA BASED ON COLONIAL
HISTORY.

KENYA IS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE O.A.U. AND
SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERES TO THE CHARTER OF THAT ORGANIZATION,
WHOSE PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE III CALLS ON MEMBER STATES
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TO SOLEMNLY AFFIRM AND DECLARE THEIR ADHERENCE TO RE-

SPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH STATE.

KENYA RESPECTS THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL ITS NEIGHBORS INCLUDING UGANDA AND EXPECTS UGANDA, WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE O.A.U., AND WHOSE PRESIDENT IS THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION, TO ADHERE TO THE O.A.U. CHARTER AND TO RESPECT HERE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

KENYA HAS STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT SHE HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS ON HER NEIGHBORS, BUT SHE WILL EQUALLY NOT PART WITH A SINGLE INCH OF HER TERRITORY.

AS REGARDS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE SEA BY UGANDA, KENYA IS NOT AWARE THAT UGANDA HAS BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO THE SEA BY KENYA. UGANDA, WHICH AS A MEMBER OF THE E.A.C., HAS ALWAYS HAD ACCESS TO THE SEA THROUGH THE JOINT SERVICES OF THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER MEANS.

THIS ACCESS TO THE SEA SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED BY UGANDA AS AN AUTOMATIC RIGHT: IT IS A SERVICE PROVIDED TO A SISTER STATE IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS." MARSHALL

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